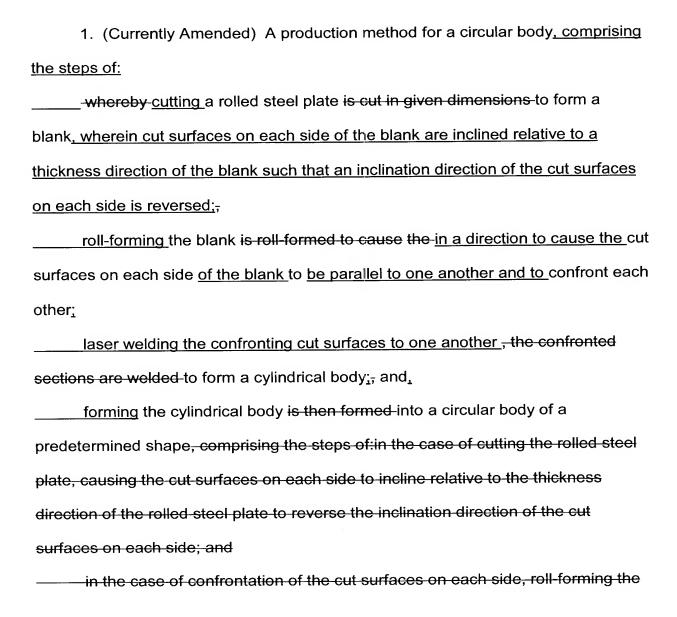
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:



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blank in the direction in which the cut surfaces are parallel, then laser-welding the

cut surfaces.

2. (Currently Amended) The production method for a circular body according

to claim 1, wherein the circular body is a rim and the an angle of inclination of the cut

surface surfaces is 1 to 3 degrees relative to the thickness direction.